

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A toner for electrophotography comprising a binder resin, a coloring agent, ~~and a release agent,~~ and inorganic or organic particles,

wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass,

wherein the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at  $180^\circ\text{C}$  and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ .

2. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, wherein a content  $W$  of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content  $W$  and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100 - W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

3. (Canceled)

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4. (Currently Amended) A toner according to claim 1, ~~comprising wherein the~~ inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm are present in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

5. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, having a volume average particle size of 4.0 to  $10.0 \mu\text{m}$ .

6. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, wherein the melting point of the release agent is 50 to  $150^\circ\text{C}$ .

7. (Withdrawn) An image-forming method, comprising:  
charging a surface of an image-bearing body;  
forming an electrostatic latent image according to image formation on the charged surface of the image-bearing body;

developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to obtain a toner image;

transferring to a surface of a recording medium the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, and

fusing the toner image transferred on the surface of the recording medium,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising a binder resin, a coloring agent and a release agent, and the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at  $180^\circ\text{C}$  and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ .

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8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a content  $W$  of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content  $W$  and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the melting point of the release agent in the toner is  $50$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$ .

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/cm}^2$ .

14. (Withdrawn) An image-forming apparatus comprising:

means for charging a surface of an image-bearing body;

means for forming on the charged surface of the image-bearing body an electrostatic latent image corresponding to image formation;

means for developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to provide a toner image;

means for transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body to a surface of a recording medium,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising a binder resin, a coloring agent and a release agent, wherein the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at  $180^\circ\text{C}$  and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ .

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15. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a content  $W$  of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content  $W$  and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

16. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

17. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

19. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  J/cm<sup>2</sup>.

20. (Currently Amended) A toner cartridge detachable from an image-forming apparatus that comprises means for developing, the cartridge containing a toner which is provided to the means for developing,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising a binder resin, a coloring agent, ~~and a release agent~~ and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and, wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C.

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